

DISCLOSURE DIVISION

- ☐ WAIVER REQUEST
☒ ANSWER
☐ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST
☐ UNTIMELY

DATE: 7/20/2020

DOCKET #:

Ashley Wimberley, Director
Disclosure Division

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Mr. Charles Wilbert Ross
Address: 820 Melancon St., Opelousas, LA 70570
Office/Position: St. Landry Parish School Board / District 2 / St. Landry
Dates of Service: 2009-2018 (2018 Final Year)
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 18

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2018
Original Due Date: 5/15/2019
NOD Received: 6/6/2019-Signed by: L. Guillory
PFD/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 6/17/2019
PFD/Answer Filed: 7/16/2020

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$2500
Days late from receipt of NOD:
Total days late from initial due date:
Late Fee Order Received: Not Issued Yet
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: N/A
Waiver Request Received: 7/16/2020

COMMENTS:

Kevin Ross submitted an Answer on behalf of his father, Charles Wilber Ross. Kevin Ross stated that his father is 87 years old and suffers from Dementia. Via his conversation with the Legal Division: General Counsel, Tracy Barker he explained that his father will never serve in public office again and his service ended in 2018. When Kevin Ross spoke with Mrs. Barker he stated he and his brother are caring for their parents and he was overwhelmed with trying provided full time care for them both. Kevin Ross stated that his father's Ethics filing issues are far down on his priorities list, but out of respect for our job(s), and the Ethics Board, he would like to "put this to rest".

With the Covid-19 Pandemic, the care of his parents is now even more demanding since he moved them from out of their assisted living facility, where they received treatment, to living with he and his brother; where they do not receive any assistance. Kevin Ross asks the Ethics Board to waive the late fee assessed ('whatever needs to be settled') regarding his father filings and fines. He stated his father, Charles W. Ross is incapable of addressing any past issues, expenses, and will never look to serve in any capacity again.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: 2018
- Other Outstanding Late Fees:

- Prior Late Fees: No
- Reassessed Late Fees: Yes: 2016-\$1300

Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: 12/2/2010 Election \$160 Paid

July 16, 2020

Ashley Wimberley

Louisiana Board of Ethics

DOJ #255746

Ms. Wimberley,

I'm writing to recognize receipt of your letter to my father, dated July 2, 2020.

I spoke to you on behalf of my dad some time ago. My dad is 87 years old and suffers from Dementia. In my conversation with you, I explained that he will never serve in public office again. His service ended in 2018. At the time I spoke to you, I was overwhelmed with trying to care for him and my mother who is 100% dependent on care for all of her needs. My brother and I are managing this care. I explained the fact that this ethics issue is about as far down on our list of priorities as could be, but out of respect for your job, and the board of ethics, I wanted to put this to rest. With the Covid threat, the care of my parents is even more demanding because we've moved them from their home, where they received assistance, to living with us, with no assistance. So, would you waive whatever needs to be settled regarding my father and the board. He is absolutely incapable of addressing any past issues or expenses and will never look to serve in any capacity again. Thanks

Kevin Ross

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Charles W. Ross

Tracy Barker (Ethics)

From: Tracy Barker (Ethics)
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019 10:21 AM
To: kross831@verizon.net
Subject: Charles Robert Ross / 2018 Tier 2 PFD

Mr. Ross:

This is a follow up to our telephone conversation of this morning. As I advised, if you could send me a letter or quick email before June 17, 2019 advising me of your father's health condition and his inability to complete the disclosure statement, I will handle such communication as his "Answer" to the Notice of Delinquency. Then, once you have an available moment, I would respectfully request the submission of a letter from your father's treating physician that I may present to the Board for their consideration. Any letter or documentation received in connection with your father's medical condition will not be made public.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Tracy

Tracy M. Barker
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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

May 31, 2019

Charles Wilbert Ross
820 Melancon St.
Opelousas, LA 70570

RE: NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY - FAILURE TO FILE
Statement covering 2018

Dear Mr. Ross:

Pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1124.4, if a person fails to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement as required by 42:1124, 1124.2, 1124.2.1, or 1124.3; omits information; or files inaccurately, a Notice of Delinquency shall be issued. A review of our records indicates that we have not received your Personal Financial Disclosure Statement.

You have 7 business days from the date of receipt of this Notice to file your Tier 2 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement covering 2018, or to submit an Answer explaining why you feel you are not required to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement. Failure to file a Personal Financial Disclosure Statement or an Answer within the 7 business days will subject you to an automatic late fee of \$100 per day up to a maximum of \$2,500. Proof of timely filing is determined by the U.S. Postal Service postmark; receipt from the U.S. Postal Service; or receipt from a commercial delivery service.

The form for the Tier 2 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement (Form 416a) is available on the Louisiana Board of Ethics website at www.ethics.la.gov. If you have any questions, you may contact me at 225/219-5600 or 800/842-6630.

Sincerely,

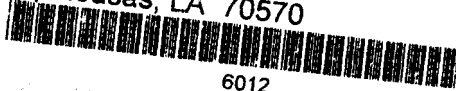
Blair Perkins
Compliance Officer

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1. Article Addressed to:

Charles Wilbert Ross
820 Melancon St.
Opelousas, LA 70570



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PS Form 3811, July 2015 PSN 7530-02-000-9053

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